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TLDSB shares plans for new school year

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Staff Reporter

More than 16,000 students were re-registered for school in September by a June 1 deadline, despite few details being known about what school will look like in the 2021-2022 year.

TLDSB director Wes Hahn said that was a "great turnout" during a recent board of trustees meeting of Trillium Lakelands District School Board, held virtually on June 8.

Of those students, approximately 15,600 are registered for in-person (or "bricks and mortar") school, which Hahn said "is really great for us," while almost 700 in total elementary and secondary students are registered for at-home online learning compared to almost 2,500 last year.

"So, obviously we've had quite a shift moving back in, and there's still a number of families that have chosen to stay in learn-at-home, and we're providing that opportunity for sure," said Hahn.

Secondary school shifts to quadmester schedule

In secondary schools, there will be some changes compared to this year, though in-school class cohorts, and possibly mask wearing will be in place still.

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Smile for the camera

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate Zayden Crete looks in a mirror held by photographer Raven Barber during graduation photo day on Thursday, June 10 on the front lawn of the school property, overlooking Head Lake in Haliburton. There were close to 100 graduates who came to have their photographs taken in robes for graduation. See more photos on page 12. /DARREN LUM Staff

Haliburton 'not forgotten' in vaccine roll-out: MOH

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

After the announcement that second dose appointments could be accelerated beginning last week, many Haliburton County residents logged in to or phoned

the provincial booking system but were disappointed to see that appointments weren't available in the area.

"Certainly, Haliburton has not been forgotten, and we are in active discussions to look at additional strategies of how we might support county residents in accessing vaccine," said Bocking.

Bocking said additional clinics would

be posted as they are available.

"We are actively ensuring that we're able to both allocate vaccine across all three geographic areas in an equitable way, and ensure that coverage, so in terms of the proportion of the population that has received one dose or two doses,

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Haliburton's patios and stores ready for business as Ontario begins to reopen

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Staff Reporter

As restrictions began to lift across the province on Friday with the launch of Step 1 of Ontario's COVID-19 economic recovery framework, much-needed rain in Haliburton County fell, but did not dampen spirits of business owners able to open for more service to more customers.

"We'll just call it a gentle reopening and tomorrow the sun will be out and it will be amazing," said Paul Roy at Up River Trading Co. "Maybe the rain isn't a bad thing, it gives us a chance to get back into the groove. Maybe it'll be a little less busy, people won't want to line up outside in the rain, I imagine. It's a nice ease back into the swing of things for us, kind of like our first day of school."

During the third provincial lockdown of the COVID-19 pandemic, the retail sections of both the Haliburton and Minden Up River locations have been barricaded since April while the cafés remained open, with any retail product sales happening by curbside order and pick-up. Now the stores are open to reduced capacity, but Roy said people can once again wander the stores, purchase gifts, and enjoy the limited seating patio, too.

"We've had great support and encouragement from our customers all throughout this, and to be able to open the doors and see people again is wonderful," he said.

Though there is extra work involved in monitoring number of customers, arranging furniture, and continuing to ensure public health restrictions are met, Roy doesn't mind.

"It's OK, it's kind of what we were doing last summer in terms of the restrictions, just a few less people are allowed - it's sort of how we functioned the entire last summer and fall," he said. "It's not new, it's just new, recently."

Roy said he's hopeful for a busy summer, and has prepared with new inventory and an expansion at the Minden store.

"It's been a good start, it's been a very good start, we're very happy," said Roy. "People have been enthusiastic, they've been coming in, we've opened our doors and it seems like people are really happy about it."

On Thursday afternoon, before Friday's reopening, Andy Oh answered the phone mid-task, preparing the patio for Maple Avenue Tap and Grill's opening after months of a take-out only option at the Highland Street restaurant.

"I'm very excited to see people, and how they enjoy the food we prepare for them," said Oh. "People coming in, enjoying the food and the atmosphere and the service - so we are kind of going back to the restaurant we are supposed to be. It's very exciting, the opening of the patio."

Echoing what many other local employers have mentioned, it has been a challenge for Oh to find staff for the restaurant this year, which he said was possibly due to insecurity because of three prior lockdowns, or less need for work with financial support currently in place by the government during the pandemic.

Usually people are lined up with resumes, he said, so the staff shortage has been frustrating, but as the province was reopening he was grateful for support from the community and very much looking forward to offering dine-in services again, alongside take-out options.

"I'm excited - more than excited, I'm thankful to have this opportunity I'm having right now," he said. "Even though the situation, it's hard to find people [staff], it's just a temporary situation. Eventually we're going to be going back to normal."

Under Step 1 of the province's frame-



Above, restaurants in the downtown of Haliburton such as Maple Avenue Tap and Grill were able to have diners served on outdoor patios. /DARREN LUM Staff

Right, Glecoff's Family Store owners Amy and Clay Glecoff have been looking forward to opening up their store for in-person shopping. /DARREN LUM Staff

work, patio dining with outdoor seating and limits of four per table - or more in the case of a larger family - is allowed. Face masks are mandatory except when seated, and sanitization protocols remain in place. Indoor dining is allowed in Step 3 of the reopening in several weeks time.

Non-essential retail can resume in Step 1, at limited capacity - up to 15 per cent. Essential retail can continue at 25 per cent capacity.

While Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre remains closed to the public until Step 3, the Step 1 reopening regulations allow for the evening wolf howl program to happen outdoors, with the first event scheduled for 16. Also, Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre hoped to welcome up to 10 participants in a community drum circle planned to be held outside on June 11.

Step 1 began three days earlier than the government had initially anticipated, with the reopening announcement made on June 7 due to continued dropping case counts of COVID-19 throughout the province and vaccination efforts seeing at least 60 per cent of Ontario residents with their first vaccine.

"Thanks to the ongoing success of Team Ontario's vaccine rollout and the ongoing improvements in public health trends, we are able to enter Step 1 of the roadmap, and begin to safely and cautiously lift restrictions," Premier Doug Ford said in a press release on June 7. "The only reason we're able to do so is because of the enormous sacrifices made by individuals, families and communities across Ontario. As we begin to enjoy the benefits of the first step in our roadmap, like meeting friends on a patio or visiting your favourite local store, please do so safely by continuing to follow all public health guidelines."

The changes came into effect at 12:01 a.m. on June 11.

Besides patios and stores reopening, Step 1 also allows for drive-in theatres, day camps, overnight camping, outdoor fitness classes and sports training, outdoor attractions including zoos, historic sites and gardens and short-term rentals, to reopen with safety protocols and limited numbers of people allowed. Up to 10 people are now allowed to gather in backyards, and travel within Ontario



is allowed but not shared accommodation with another family unless it's with someone who lives alone. Horse racing and motor racetracks can reopen without spectators. Recreational boating is allowed with only members of one household aboard. Personal care services including haircuts, indoor gyms and team sports are still on hold until upcoming phases.

Dr. Natalie Bocking, medical officer of health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit asked that people be mindful that Step 1 is the opening phase of reopening, and to continue to follow public health guidelines to help reduce spread of COVID-19 as vaccination roll-out takes place.

"I think we are all waiting and quite anxious to get to Step 3, we don't want

to see us having to take a step back depending on case activity. Now that we are entering the summer months, nicer weather, more opportunity to spend outside, I think I'm reassured that we will continue to see lower activity, especially as our vaccination coverage continues to increase but I would continue to encourage people to be mindful of all of the public health measures we've continued to emphasize throughout all of the pandemic response: maintaining social distance, continuing to wear masks, frequent hand-washing, if you're sick, to be staying at home, getting a COVID test, and to be careful as you start to reengage in some of the activities that you had been doing prior to this most-recent lockdown."

SIU investigation into shooting continues

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Nearly 11 months after a Haliburton County man died following an altercation with police, an Ontario Special Investigations Unit investigation into the incident continues.

On the morning of July 15, 2020, a man went to enter the Minden Valu-Mart and when it was requested he wear a face mask to enter, assaulted an employee before using his vehicle to ram vehicles in the store's parking lot, and speeding away. Police used the licence plate on his vehicle to track him to his residence near Drag Lake. At the residence, there was an interaction between members of the OPP and the man, which resulted in two officers discharging their firearms. The man

was subsequently taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead, and his identity was later revealed as Leslie John Hege-dus, 73.

The Ontario Special Investigations Unit is a civilian oversight body that investigates cases of serious injury, death or allegations of assault involving police officers. As part of the SIU investigation, the two subject officers, as well as four witness officers and civilian witnesses were interviewed.

The SIU has received reports from the Centre of Forensic Sciences, as well as the results of a post-mortem examination. According to communications coordinator Monica Hudon, the file is now with the organization's director for review. Hudon told the *Echo* it's difficult to know when the results of the investigation will be made public.



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From the Heart of Haliburton Cookbook will help school in India

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There is a genuine sweetness to the *From the Heart of Haliburton Cookbook* that can't be denied, and it's down to more than just the dessert recipes.

Created by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Interact Club in partnership with parent club Rotary Club of Haliburton and the club for young adults, the Rotaract Club, the spiral-bound cookbook has multiple purposes. While serving to unite the community in an effort to collect recipes that have long warmed the hearts and bellies of county residents, the cookbook is also a fundraising initiative, with proceeds raised to benefit the Mahatma Gandhi Sishu Siksha Sadan School in rural India, south of Kolkata. The Haliburton Rotary Club has had a relationship with the school for almost 15 years.

Profits from the sale of the 84-recipe cookbook will help the school in India purchase basic items such as desks and chairs. There is a hope to expand the relationship with the school to include HHSS for greater school-to-school interactions.

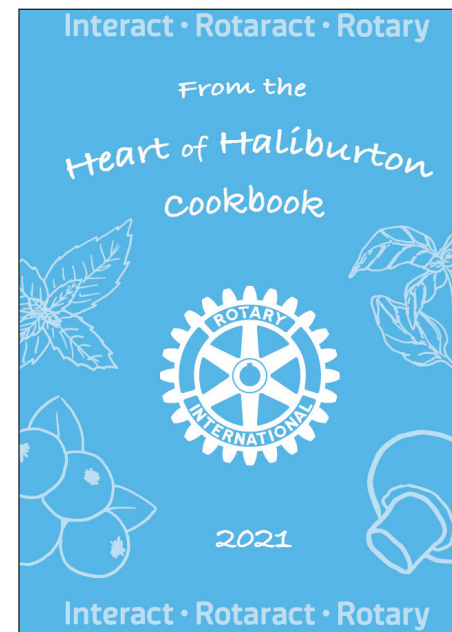
Logan Heaven, the Interact member responsible for communications on the cookbook project said, "It's been a great success so far and we're just proud of what we've created."

Thus far there have been 70 pre-orders from the 100 about-to-be printed copies for the \$20 book, which spans the range of recipes from appetizers and sides to entrees and desserts. There is an eclectic list that includes Chinese fried rice, chick-pea burgers, Pad Thai, bread, pesto and date squares.

Heaven said originally the plan was to print only 50 copies before pre-orders came in and, if there was interest for more, another run of copies printed. He added the book took two months to complete, which included planning and execution.

The cover of the design was created by members of the Rotaract Club, while the interior page layout was completed by the Interact Club in consultation with members of Rotary and Rotaract, Logan said.

The Interact Club has taken on several



initiatives to help the community since their launch, such as during Halloween when it organized the We Care Hunger event, which included the collection of non-perishables for residents in need within the community.

It includes president Emma Mitchell, vice-president Daniella Meraw, secretary, Megan Klose, and members Jessica Lee and Sophie Longo.

Logan said his favourite recipe is the one from his family, which he's had the pleasure of knowing all his life and not just close to his heart, but donated by his grandmother, Logan's Famous Chocolate Sauce.

Throughout his life it was a sauce that adorned many desserts, but primarily ice cream, he said.

He adds cooking and those sorts of activities have been a big part of helping him get through the pandemic.

"I know I have tried to pick up some cooking and I was never the best at cooking, but at least it let me get out there and try," he said. "It marks a time we all worked together as a community and as a population to help and get through the pandemic. I think it very much does mark an era in time for us."

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OHTO receives \$1 million in relief

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization, of which Haliburton County is a part, is receiving \$1 million from the Federal Economic Development Agency of Ontario to help tourism-based businesses, which have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, prepare to welcome back customers when it is safe for them to do so.

That virtual announcement was made June 1, with Marie-France Lalonde, parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages, explaining the funding is being used to give tourism businesses grants of up to \$20,000 in order to make adaptations for a safe reopening including renovations and retrofits, purchasing new technology or digitizing operations, implementing health and safety protocols, and purchasing equipment, including personal protective equipment.

"Today's investment is helping to deliver support to local tourism busi-

nesses across Ontario's Highlands," Lalonde said. "Through this funding, we are assisting 70 businesses from one of the hardest-hit sectors of this pandemic as they rebuild and prepare for recovery."

Nicole Whiting, executive director of OHTO, thanked the ministry for the funding, saying money had been flowing to about 40 businesses throughout the region, and that there were applications for assistance for another 30 businesses underway.

"We are extremely grateful to be working with FedDev Ontario to deliver this important funding. I couldn't be prouder of our region and the tourism sector we represent," Whiting said. "The COVID-19 crisis has been devastating to our industry, but our operators and our communities have demonstrated they can rise to the challenge with creativity, innovation and resilience. This funding recognizes the value of the effort, commitment, and sacrifices made adapting to provide safe experiences. It has been a privilege to work in collaboration with our partners to support the tourism businesses in our region."

Hall of Fame inductee Linda Brandon humbled by honour

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame named Linda J. Brandon among the 17 individuals to be included in the inaugural class of the Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame.

Linda has been a very dedicated community volunteer in the Highlands for several years. She helped launch the Ontario Special Olympics Red Wolves youth 5-pin bowling team, a Special Olympics team for the Highlands in 1997.

In an email she said the saying 'expect the unexpected' was an understatement to characterize the recognition she has received. She said it was an "overwhelming honour" to be a part of this first class, which was announced on June 7.

"I am very grateful and humbled to be included, as an inductee under the category of 'Builder'," Brandon said. "Upon reflection, those same emotions held true when building our team, the Ontario Red Wolves 5-pin bowling team, a name the athletes chose in 1997," she wrote in an email. "Forming this team was one of the most significant milestones in my life and a milestone in the lives of everyone who contributed to the on-going development of such an inspiring team."

She was not only the founder, but served as a head coach and club manager and treasurer from 1997 to 2007. She was also the community coordinator for the County of Haliburton from 1997 to 2007. While she was fulfilling her Red Wolves duties, she was also working as an educational assistant at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Many of her efforts revolved around inclusion for everyone. In addition to the Red Wolves work, she also served as the co-chairperson of the Minden Terry Fox Run Organizing Committee from 1994 to 2007; president, vice-president, board/committee member for the Haliburton County Association for Community Living, which included advocating, governing and developing strategies that best met the needs of the people supported from 1994 to 2002; and a volunteer with the Haliburton County Food for Kids Program. She even completed her teaching English as a Second Language Certification via Oxford Learning in 2004, completed her Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Waterloo, which included her taking courses during the school year and in the summer.

She enters the Hall of Fame as one of three builders inducted this year, joining Albert John LaRue, also known as A.J. LaRue, and Lenny Salvatori.

She adds in 1997 there wasn't an opportunity to form a new high school sports team.

"Their spirits were lifted to know they could still have a separate team of their own, on their own time. The team name 'Red Wolves' was chosen by the athletes," she wrote about the Red Wolves beginnings.

Integral to the building of the team are the 15 athletes, families, friends and other valued supporters, including the "best 20-plus coaches."

She thanked the families of Robyn Thomas, Linda Snaddon, Pauline Sharp, Mary McKelvey, Brian Plouffe, Lyle Bacon, Duane Pratt, Scott and Michelle Moore (former owners of the bowling facility), Diana Reesor, John Kellett, Yvette Brauer, Barbara Piercy, and her two daughters, Amy and Emily. There were also many other high school volunteer students and staff who enthusiastically offered coaching assistance.

Yvette Brauer, who is the current Red Wolves team coordinator, said a lot of credit goes to Linda for how she made a positive impact in the lives of people like her son, Trevor, who benefited socially and physically being a Red Wolves active member.

The Brauers first moved here from Toronto in 2005. At first Trevor had no interest in joining the Red Wolves after his experience of attending a mainstream school where he was treated like everyone else.

However, there wasn't much to do here socially, so Trevor warmed to the idea and joined the bowling team. He soon discovered the warm atmosphere and inclusive quality created by Linda's leadership was the best place to make friends.

"That was a good introduction for Trevor to make new friends and still be fit. From that, Trevor got to go to provincial games for bowling ... he represented the Red Wolves for golf, he wanted to provincial games," she said. His experience also includes competing at the nationals held in P.E.I.

"What started with Linda has given opportunities for a number of athletes to travel provincially, nationally. And it all started with Linda and her vision to have Special



Linda Brandon, who founded the Haliburton County Special Olympics Red Wolves Youth Bowling team in 1997, was recently named as an inductee to the Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame. Brandon will be inducted as one of three builders this year, which includes A.J. LaRue and Lenny Salvatori. Submitted by Linda Brandon.

Olympics come to the Highlands, so if she didn't do that we wouldn't be where we are today," she said.

In hindsight, it was an important decision for them in building a connection to the area built on the opportunity for social and physical growth.

Yvette said the Special Olympics organization is supportive, but money is not always available and so for programs to operate it took the support of its community and needed leadership of someone like Linda to facilitate the fundraisers and ensure the commitment of sponsors related to operating an athletic program on a shoestring budget to not just hold activities, but pay for uniforms, and to cover travel competitions.

Linda wrote in an email about the key fundraiser for the Red Wolves which was the Law Enforcement's Annual "Flame of Hope" Torch Run. It provided significant opportunities for important funds to be raised to not just help offset the program costs, but also to spread added awareness about Ontario Special Olympic athletes throughout the county.

Trevor isn't the only beneficiary with a story to share. Parents Duane and Tracey Pratt are grateful to Linda

for the opportunity that enabled their daughter, Skylar to expand her world.

"By creating the Haliburton Red Wolves, Linda provided a place for our daughter where she felt comfortable and accepted around her peers; not something that comes easily to Sky, [who has] autism. Skylar has thrived in this environment, which has awarded her opportunities she would not have had otherwise," they wrote in a letter of support submitted to the Hall of Fame.

Skylar started with the Wolves at the age of 13 back in 2005. She looked forward every week to bowling, seeing her friends and her coach, Linda. Her time with the bowling team included the "once in a lifetime experience" of getting to represent the area with her team at the provincials in 2016, where they qualified to compete at the nationals held in P.E.I. in 2018. She continues to be an active member participating in not just bowling, but also curling, softball, golf and shuffleboard.

From the letter, the parents wrote the team has not only given her "a source of physical activity and sportsmanship, but also a place where she has made very good friends. Our family can't thank Linda enough for starting our chapter of Special Olympics. It has enriched our daughter's life more than we can express. We were very happy to learn of her nomination and can't imagine anyone more worthy than she for this honour."

Not to take away from Brandon's efforts, but the team was also sustained by the support of its volunteers, who were often parents, or guardians, including community helpers that received training to coach, assist and fundraise, she said.

"Other than that, the whole thing, where we are today it all started with Linda. We wouldn't be where we are today if it didn't start with Linda," she said.

Although Linda left the Red Wolves to return to attend school in 2007, she remained in touch with the athletes, Yvette said.

There is a lasting legacy related to starting a team that has grown to something so much bigger than ever imagined.

"It is heartening to know that for more than the past decade the Haliburton Red Wolves, under the leadership of Yvette Brauer, who is the Coordinator of the Haliburton District Community of Special Olympics, expanded the Red Wolves team to include 35 registered athletes, 32 volunteers, and sport options that include bowling, curling, golf, shuffleboard and softball. Tremendous enriching team development and advancement has taken place since the building of the Red Wolves team's foundation in 1997," she wrote. "For that, I am incredibly grateful to have played a part in this significant sport heritage experience! The biggest 'thank you' to everyone who has served on the Haliburton Sports Hall of Fame committees including all those who in any way contributed to my induction."

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We need a local option

ITHINK IT'S fairly safe to say that the Haliburton vaccination clinic, which operated out of A.J. LaRue Arena from early April until this past Wednesday, June 9, was an overwhelming success.

There's many reasons for that. First and foremost, the site was visited by 4,500 individuals, the vast majority of them local residents, who received either their first or second dose of the vaccine. That's a terrific number when you take into account the local population – around 18,000 in Haliburton County, 6,300 of those in Dysart et al. Factor in the number of shots that have been administered at the Minden clinic, and a high percentage of the local community has been at least partially vaccinated.

That's impressive when you consider the fact that, back in February, then acting medical officer of health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) district health unit Dr. Ian Gemmill indicated it could be late summer before most people from Haliburton County could expect to receive the first of their shots.

Basically, we're months ahead of schedule. We should give the federal and provincial governments some credit for that, given how much roll-out of the different COVID-19 vaccines has ramped up in recent weeks. We should be thankful, too, for the doctors and nurses who gave their time to work the clinics.

Of course, they weren't alone. For every single clinic date in Haliburton over the past few months, there have been two dozen volunteers on hand over the course of the day to make sure they ran smoothly and safely. The Haliburton Rotary Club took on the work of coordinating that extensive volunteer effort.

Rotarian Ursula Devolin said she never once had a problem filling all of the required spots and positions. Whether it was a member of the Rotary club, another service club, students looking to complete volunteer

hours or just local residents wanting to lend a helping hand, there was no shortage of helpers willing to step forward.

It's a shame then that this effort has come to something of a premature close. Granted, HKPRDHU was stuck between a rock and a hard place given that Dysart township expressed a need to have the clinic moved out of A.J. LaRue Arena by mid-June so that the municipality could accommodate a hockey camp it had previously agreed to host.

That hockey is taking precedent over vaccinations right now is a bit of a farce in itself, but once that decision was made back in March it was clear there was no going back. What has surprised me is that HKPRDHU hasn't established an alternate location in Haliburton.

Now that schools are to remain closed until September, the gym at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School would have been a perfect spot.

There have been murmurs that the mass clinics in Haliburton haven't been as well attended as health officials would have liked, and that's why it wasn't deemed a

necessity to establish another site. But to me, 4,500 people is not insignificant.

Now, all of those people and thousands more, many of them seniors or youth who rely on others for transportation, will be forced to travel outside of our community to be vaccinated. I've heard from people already who have had to set up appointments in Huntsville, Lindsay and Orillia because there are no local options.

HKPRDHU has stated they are looking into setting up shorter-term clinics in the community, as well as providing additional mass clinic dates in Minden, while the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team and area pharmacies are also offering shots. None of those, however, will be able to put up the same numbers as a mass clinic.

We've made such progress in recent weeks. It would be a shame to see things falter with the finishing line finally in sight.



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Editorial



Roadside beauty, Elephant Lake

by Darren Lum

Taking the back roads

JIM KNEW something was wrong. He had been driving for 20 minutes and the road was getting worse. Vegetation had started to creep into the roadway so that now it looked more like a cow path than a vehicular route. Jim didn't like going somewhere he had never been. He liked certainty. He liked to know where he was going and where he would end up.

Charlie had told him the farm was a little off the beaten track but well worth the effort of finding it. Fresh organic veggies, succulent homemade meat pies and baked goods to melt in your mouth. Charlie said the neighbours had tried to keep the place a secret so they wouldn't have to share but word had got out.

Fortunately it was a great day for a drive. It had rained the night before, washing the dust off the roadside weeds and the whole world seemed to sparkle in the afternoon sunshine. The trees that crowded the shoulders twitched and fluttered with birds hidden in the branches. Jim wondered where a farmer's fields fitted into this scene of forest and critters.

The whole afternoon reminded him of the time he and Charlie had gone for a drive in Charlie's new-to-him pickup. It had been a sweltering day in July and the two friends had cranked up the radio and drove leisurley over the back roads, arms hanging out the windows and shirts flapping in the breeze.

There were a series of old roads shooting off the sideroad and Jim had always wondered where they went. His parents had never wanted to explore them because they had always been in a hurry going or returning from somewhere. So today he suggested to Charlie they do a little bit of discovering for themselves. His friend agreed and the next time they saw a narrow exit, they took it.

Bumping over ruts and rocks, they weren't sure at one point that they were even still on a road. Jim had started to get a little nervous but Charlie reassured him the truck was up to the ter-

rain. Then the woods opened up and ahead of them was what had once been a large field. Although dotted with immature trees, it was easy to see it had served as part of a homestead at one time.

Further along they came upon an old farmhouse. Most of the windows were broken and the door hung half-off its hinges. Fueled by curiosity, Charlie pulled over and stopped. He told Jim this looked like the perfect place to explore and since there was no sign of another soul, Jim agreed.

It was obvious animals had been making their home on the main floor. Shredded newspapers and droppings were scattered over the old linoleum and on top of what had been a kitchen table. But there were dishes in the sink together with cobwebs and a thick layer of dust. An old straw hat and ragged coat still clung to a peg on the wall.

Something about the place started to bother Jim and he looked at Charlie to see if he felt it as well. Then Charlie

suggested maybe they should not linger. He laughed awkwardly, saying the place was giving him the creeps. Jim quickly agreed. As they climbed back into the truck, Jim turned for one last look and he could have sworn he saw a figure standing in the open doorway. He nudged Charlie and cocked his head in that direction. Charlie's wide eyes told him they had both seen the same thing. Without a word they were out of there and headed back to the main road. That adventure had been good fodder for many a tale afterwards.

By now Jim had given up trying to find his destination and looked for a spot to turn around. Then as if by magic, he rounded a corner and there was the farm Charlie had told him about. A sign hung on the gate proclaiming it Apple Tree Homestead. Wondering if that meant there might be apple pie for sale, Jim turned into the laneway. You just never know what you might find on a country back road, he thought as his mouth began to water.

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points of view

The Domino Effect

THIS WEEKEND I was fishing with my best buddy for panfish from a steep and rocky shoreline. Our trip wasn't so much about the fishing as it was seeing each other for the first time in a long time. We just wanted to get together. So, we stayed a good social distance apart and kept to ourselves like we always do.

Unfortunately, my buddy is six-foot-two. And we are both into our late 50s.

These might not seem important, but it plays into the story.

You see we were fishing what I can only assume was 6-foot-one inches apart. I know this because, just as I hooked a little fish, I heard a commotion from my buddy Tom's direction and then a small rock slide started barrelling towards the water. The next thing I know Tom fell and barely clipped me, which caused me to fall and subsequently lose the four-inch rock bass I was skillfully playing.

"Some guys will do anything to win the big fish bet," I said, as we got up and dusted ourselves off.

"I shifted my weight and the rocks under my feet rolled downhill," he explained, "which caused me to lose my balance."

The truth is the rocks might have started the process, but his age took it from there.

Over the years, I have noticed that the older we get the worse our balance gets. There was a time when I could ride a unicycle across a bouncing tightrope in gale force winds...

Which is another way of saying that the older you get, the worse your memory gets too.

My theory is these two things go hand in hand.

You see, I figure when we were younger, the micro-second we started falling our brains would have quickly remembered that we had to employ our reflexes and muscles to recover our balance. These days, our brains do not remember that so much. Or if they do, it is in a lackadaisical way after we are already pulling the dirt out of our teeth.

When you get to a certain age, if it remembers anything at all, it is "Quick grab onto something that will help break the fall!"

That's what I suspect Tom's brain remembered as he fell towards and then on me.

I wish I could say I was happy to help.

As for myself, I was in the unenviable position of having nothing to grab onto.

But, after we picked ourselves up and checked to make sure bones and fishing rod tips were where they were supposed to be – not necessarily in that order – a thought occurred to me.

What did the people in the passing car think? After all, you don't see something like that every day.

Then, it occurred to me that this sort of thing does happen every day. All you need to do is look where old fishing buddies gather on precarious shorelines. That got me wondering how many anglers falling over in domino style would it take to make the Guinness Book of Records?

I have a short attention span.

My guess is that if you lined up fifteen middle-aged guys on the shoreline we were on, all of them would have went down and that would have been something to see.

It also gave me the answer to "If an old guy falls in the forest does anybody hear it?"

The answer is yes, but only because of the timber in his voice.



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pic of the past

A view of Halbien Crescent in the early 1900s. The Walling's Dairy Fields barn, visible in the picture, is still standing today. /Submitted by Doreen Rae

letters to the editor

A heartfelt thank you

To the Editor,

To the fire chief and all of the firefighters who served to protect my property and others' property on Wednesday June 9 last week, I would like to thank you sincerely for putting out the fire that originated from a hydro transformer failure which ignited trees adjacent to the line affected. This was a mere hundred metres from my house. You saved my pines, my property, home and outbuildings from disaster! Thanks to the person who reported the fire to the Algonquin Highlands fire service via 911.

My son, Greg, arrived home from work to 15 emergency vehicles in front of and beside our house, smoke, water, hoses and firefighters, with

police controlling traffic. It was pretty frightening until he realized it wasn't our home on fire. He and my fiancé both called to let me know what was going on, as my mom and I were on our way home from Minden at the time.

I would urge everyone to follow the no burn restriction in Haliburton County, as the ground is extremely dry. The potential exists to have a repeat of Fort McMurray, right here in cottage country if people are careless with cigarette disposal or not heeding the no burn/no fireworks rule.

Thanks again. We appreciate all you do for us.

Lois Foster
Algonquin Highlands

Successful robocats initiative

To the Editor,

I want to thank all those that donated to my fundraiser for seniors in our three local long-term care homes. The donations purchased five robocats each for Highland Crest and Extencicare and 3 for Highland Wood. Although I didn't reach my

goal, it was a great effort and I appreciate the community support. The small remainder of funds will be donated to HHHS Community Support Services.

Lynda Williams
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Deadline for comments approaching for Centre Lake applications

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The following are briefs from the Highlands East council meeting held virtually on June 8.

Time is running out for public comments pertaining to three notices about applications to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on Centre Lake. The deadline is June 25.

One is for the Crown Land Use Policy Amendment (CLUPA) to permit dispositions for cottaging on Centre Lake related to policy direction of a 200-foot Crown shoreline reserve surrounding parts of Centre Lake. This 200-foot Crown shoreline reserve is governed by the land-use policies for Multiple Resource Management Area or G340. A proposed change by the Ministry is needed to change the area specific land-use policies related to G340 to consider for cottaging. See details about the CLUPA at www.ontario.ca/page/crown-land-use-policy-atlas. The contacts provided are MNRF regional planner Pauline Capelle can be reached at 705-761-5633 or at Pauline.Capelle@Ontario.ca.

The second is for a class environmental assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects, disposition of the eastern portion of the Centre Lake 200-foot Crown Reserve.

The application to purchase the eastern portion of a 200-foot Crown shoreline reserve in Cardiff is for the proposed Granite Shores development with cottage lots, a resort and spa and a maple products operation. Planning documents, applications and studies are included at letstalk-centrelake.ca/granite-shores. Contacts included are MNRF regional planner Pauline Capelle and Granite Shores public engagement lead Steven Megannety at 289-690-5860 or graniteshoresoncentrelake@gmail.com.

Third is for the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects. Highland View Properties Ltd. is interested in a cottage lot development on Centre Lake. They have applied to purchase the western portion of a 200-foot Crown shoreline reserve in Cardiff. Contacts provided for comments are MNRF regional planner, Pauline Capelle, and EcoVue Consulting Services Inc. Agent Kent Randall, who can be reached at 705-876-8340 and kran-dall@ecovueconsulting.com.

The township is suggesting anyone who has concerns and questions over the proposals to direct them to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Councillor Cam McKenzie admitted he was confused about the three notices related to the developments and why they were presented the way they were.

CAO Shannon Hunter sought to clear up some of the confusion.

"The first one that you see is for the crown land-use policy amendment. The other two are for the environmental assessment. I believe that is why they are listed that way," she said. "It is confusing, but if you go

back to MNRF's presentation it did speak to the two different processes that will be transpiring and we will be holding a meeting for our comments on June 22. What we did previous to this correspondence is let people know this is what's going on, so if the public do have concerns or comments, they should be directed to the MNRF, as stipulated in these notices and I believe Robin will be providing the MNRF any comments that we receive to date."

Exponential increase for building permits

There doesn't appear to be any slowdown when it comes to building projects in Highlands East.

At close to eight times more money coming in compared to last year, the township is experiencing astounding construction value figures of approximately \$15.8 million this year, which is far greater than last year's \$1.93 million. The township had only 36 building permits in 2020. This year for the same period it is 81, and there were only 16 septic permits last year to this year's 51.

It left deputy Mayor Cec Ryall shocked.

"I don't want to say exponentially, but I don't know what to say?" he said.

Chief building official Laurie Devolin said part of the increase includes the rise in values, which is the result of greater material costs.

Ryall asked, "Could we break \$20 million?"

"If this keeps up, we very well could," Devolin said.

Township waives \$50 fee for Septic Use Permit

Without debate, the town council agreed to waive the \$50 fee for the Septic Use Permit for the maintenance inspections, as requested by Ron Parkinson. Parkinson championed to have the township recognize optional Level 4 septic inspections.

No objections made for Bell tower location

During the presentation by Maria Wood of Bell Mobility, which pertained to the plans for an installation of a 100-metre guyed tower west of Loop Road to improve wireless network connectivity for Wilberforce and area, she said there hasn't been any objections to the proposed site.

"This location will provide to the most amount of residents while still minimizing visual impact to the community and due to the tricky nature of siting towers this was the only location that was really able to meet our radio objectives while still maintaining distance from the town of Wilberforce. We have not received any objections in regards to this location. That being said, it is just further evidence [that we're on] the right site within the community," Wood said.

Other alternate sites were west of the current selection, which is the most ideal.



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Report highlights need for shoreline education

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Staff Reporter

A report from Watersheds Canada highlights a perceived lack of shoreland stewardship education among waterfront property owners as one of the major barriers to achieving sustainably healthy shorelines.

That report, entitled *The Future of Our Shores*, was released in May and draws its conclusions based on a series of stakeholder surveys. Those stakeholder groups are divided into three categories – lake and river associations, municipal officials, and municipal planners – and the bulk of responses to the voluntary surveys came from southeastern Ontario, including Haliburton County and the District of Muskoka.

A total of 123 representatives from 50 lake and river associations responded to the survey, including reps from a number of lake associations in the county. Those results showed the biggest perceived challenge to shoreline health to be unsustainable attitudes and practices – largely on the part of waterfront property owners themselves, but also on the part of municipal officials – spurred by a lack of education, understanding or awareness.

There was also indication that some waterfront property owners perceive municipal shoreline regulations as infringement of their rights.

“Lake and river associations consistently cite a perceived infringement upon the rights of private property owners during promotion and implementation of stewardship activities, especially when the values and attitudes of these property owners conflict with those of environmental groups,” the report reads. “Many respondents shared the belief that property owners were ‘going to do what they were going to do’ regardless of the ramifications on the biological and physical well-being of their lake or river, and that any attempt to mitigate these attitudes and practices was perceived as an alienation of the rights. Ultimately, this is an issue of education, values, and attitudes which could be resolved with open dialogue to find collaborative solutions.”

A total of 44 municipal officials, including councillors, mayors and reeves, responded to the survey, including officials from the county. Municipal officials cited the No. 1 barrier to sustainable shorelines being a lack of financial resources to implement bylaws and programs. They also pointed to competing interests – balancing environmental stewardship with development – as a major hurdle.

“Based on these responses, it would seem that situa-

tions in which development pressure has predominated over environmental concern are viewed in a rather negative light by municipal officials, suggesting that these officials wish to avoid situations wherein development occurs at the expense of conservation,” the report reads. “It would seem there is a general desire on the part of municipal officials to implement enhanced and/or sustainable shoreline practices which reflect their own conservation values and that of their constituents,” it continues. “However, implementation is often stymied by competing interests and lobbying from those who do not support sustainable approaches and have financial clout.”

Elected officials also indicated stronger shoreline policies from the provincial government would be helpful.

Twenty-three municipal planners responded to the survey, with representation from the County of Haliburton and the Township of Minden Hills. Like municipal officials, planners referred to a lack of financial resources in order to implement shoreline preservation policies, as well as a lack of strong policy from the province.

“Similar to municipal officials, planners cited the need for more comprehensive and effective policies from the provincial level of government, which, they believe, will allow for a more effective mediation between competing interests at the local level,” the report reads.

The report concludes that lack of education and associated attitudes need to be addressed to facilitate improved shoreline stewardship.

“Each of the three stakeholder groups had different perspectives about the barriers that limited shoreline sustainability in their region, but they also showed agreement on several topics, namely that a lack of shoreline stewardship education (and subsequent unsustainable attitudes) existed among waterfront property owners and developers. Indeed, the results of these surveys seem to suggest quite forcefully that values and education related to shoreland stewardship were both significant and limiting factors in achieving the lake or river-related goals of their association or municipality.”

The full report is available at <https://watersheds.ca/planning-for-our-shorelands/>



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Medaba Camp is available to families, to the extent of 11 cabins a week. Invite a change from the day camp, overnight campers that used to crowd the area. However, activities remain as before: archery, swimming and mountain biking. Director of the camp, Steve Archibald can be reached at medeba.com for complete details. Much response has already come. A garage sale on the site happens on June 17, 18 and 19.

On Trinity Sunday in June, the Rev. Margaret Milne read her homily on the trinity which was available on DVD and was very well composed and thought out. The same service video from St. George's Anglican in Haliburton included soloist, Shirley Barker and the Rev. David Barker, accompanied through the expertise (and electronic magic) of an organist in England for the hymn “St. Patrick's Breastplate”.

Congratulations to Cheryl and Greg Cooper on the birth of another grandson. On May 27, Joel and Kendra Cooper of Toronto welcome Banks Ryan Gregory, 7lbs., 2 oz. Good wishes to all the proud relatives.

Joannie Ransberry of Stanhope Airport Road has been one of the Haliburton Highlands Paddlers in the Dragon Boat racing activity for the past several summers. She is moving away from the community to Orillia and the Paddlers wanted to honour her participation with a drive-by celebration, balloons and greeting waving on May 27. Joannie was happy with such an enthusiastic display of affection and will recall the occasion with pleasure as she makes new friends in the Orillia neighbourhood. Before retiring here, Joannie was a journalist for several newspapers including the *Toronto Star*.

Abbey Gardens offers an expanded menu at their café, complete with muffins which quality I can vouch for. Also, the trail to and through their Enchanted Forest features a slide, a quiet reading space, minimal construction area and a mud kitchen!

New chapter for historic Haliburton building

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Outside what was once Banks' General Store on Pine Avenue in Haliburton village, local multidisciplinary, award-winning artist Tiffany Howe is lit by the afternoon sun and stands for a photo, illuminating the warm feelings she holds in her heart for the building that she has known all her life.

It's telling for the homegrown artist that graduated from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in 2003, who has transformed her rental unit within the historical landmark that dates back to the start of the town into what she is calling the How(e) Creative studio where local creations are showcased in the near 12-foot window fronts.

Officially opened April 17, the new studio maintains an air of the past with its architectural cues from when it was the Irwin Store managed by Frederick Freeman in 1881, intermingled with the contemporary flair Howe has brought with splashes of whimsy from the art work and collectibles she has within the open space, which is inspired by her "seeing the magic in the world."

Howe, who is the curator at the Ethel Curry Gallery in Haliburton, said how this studio came to be was "serendipitous."

"I was just looking for an apartment to rent and I was supposed to be renting a different unit in this building and it ended up I got to have this space, so it was just absolutely ideal. As soon as I got in here [I told myself], oh, I have to do something with this so that I can bring the community in and make a creative space out of it," she said.

With ever-changing restrictions related to provincial safety regulations, hosting events has been put on hold for now. However, that hasn't stopped Howe from dreaming about potential ideas for the location, whether it's hosting art workshops such as life drawing sessions, or showings and public events on the weekends.

The idea to open the space up to the public is part of an effort to bring life to the building that she used to frequent as a child with her sister and mother from her

home down the road.

"When I was a kid I grew up down the road from here. This was Banks' General Store and my mom would come here when she needed a couple of things, so my sister would get to get some penny candies and a nutty cone, comic books and stuff," she said, laughing. "So it was that and I know a lot of people that live in this neighbourhood felt this store was a staple to them. Then after that, when it became the Wild Oats Café, I knew the owners and performed at the open mic nights they had here and that carried on to the next owners ... Then when Nicola owned it and had the Heritage House Café, I would come here and plan Newfangers Arts Festival [as co-creator and director] and have business meetings with people. So I feel like I've been connected to this building for my whole life and I know so many other people are as well. There's a lot of memories that people have here," she said. "I don't know why, but I do just feel compelled to want to include people in the continuing story of this place, evolving and changing."

Howe says she always knew she would grow up to become an artist. When she was just 16, her first job was working for local stain glass artist, Tom Green.

After high school, she attended Sheridan College, studying textiles and ceramics for a year for the Art Fundamentals and Craft and Design program.

Her art background and education includes a variety of learning methods from the formal, which includes Sheridan and numerous classes at the Haliburton School of Art + Design, to hands-on experience with area artists, including her artistic peers, and through her own artistic journey.

From her personal journey as an artist and experience working at the Ethel Curry Gallery, and her own studio, she believes in the importance of art being something that can be appreciated by everyone.

"It's really been important to me to help people feel like the arts world can be inclusive and friendly. And you don't need to understand anything about art to appreciate it," she said. "A lot of people are really self-conscious to ask questions, or feel like they're not allowed to come in and I think with this space – this is the first space of this calibre that I've ever worked in and been ... it's been really liberating for me to be like: I make all the rules and I can do whatever I want. I kind of want to share that idea with people. Of course when you're learning art there are rules. It's important to learn the rules, but it's also good to know that art is for anybody and art is what you decide it is. It's important for me to share a little bit of a laid back attitude for appreciating and making art with people."

The poetic quality to the circular nature of her journey from how her space in the building she valued as a child has now fallen to her for its stewardship for its next chapter isn't lost on Howe. However, this scenario wasn't ever a consideration during her relationship with the building, which has rooted itself forever in her heart.

"Oh, no. Not in the slightest. It still surprises me almost daily. I walk through here, especially at night when the light is shining through the great big windows and everything silhouettes you feel the grandness of the space. Almost more when it's the subtle light. I walk through



Local artist Tiffany Howe stands in front of her studio, Howe Creative. Although the studio will not be open with regular hours and operate as a full time business, Howe has plans to include the community by holding art workshops, hosting showings and public events on certain weekends. For more info or to purchase, DM her, message her on Facebook (Tiffany Howe Creative) or call/text 705-457-6919. For more information see Howe's website: howecreative.ca. /DARREN LUM Staff

and think to myself: Oh, my god. I get to live here," she said.

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Flying the flag

Trillium Lakelands District School Board maintenance worker Todd Tully raises the Canadian flag with the Progress Pride flag, as part of a recognition of Pride Month on Thursday, June 10 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton. From TLDSB's website, "The Progress Pride flag, created in 2018, adds a five-coloured chevron to the original Pride flag, to represent racialized people and transgender identity, placing greater emphasis on intersectionality and progression. Raising the flag will visibly highlight our continued commitment to ensuring equity, dignity, well-being, diversity, and inclusion of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in TLDSB." The flag will be flown until June 30./DARREN LUM Staff



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Graduation shots

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate Zayden Crete mimics the direction by photographer Raven Barber during graduation photos on Thursday, June 10 on the front lawn of the school property, overlooking Head Lake in Haliburton. Close to 100 graduates were photographed in robes to mark their achievement. /DARREN LUM Staff



Sandals was one graduate's choice for footwear and the customary mask is laid beside for a graduation photo.



With mother Megan Orr, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate Francis looks at a photo on a computer, which were taken for this year's graduating class.

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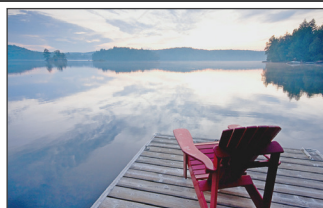
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Drag Lake \$499,000

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- Shallow sandy waterfront & deep off the dock



Minden Area \$579,000

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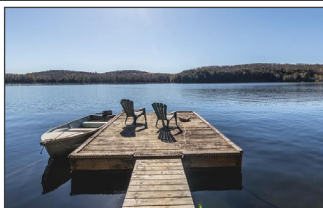
Haliburton Area \$625,000

- 1800+ sf home, main flr living
- 3 bdrms, 3 baths, sunroom
- Dbl attached garage
- Geothermal heating w/AC, back-up generator



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Secondary school shifts to 'quadmester' system in September

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 - 1. Fashion accessory
 - 5. Subatomic particle
 - 10. Ethnic group of the Philippines
 - 14. Popular cookie
 - 15. Fabric
 - 16. Alcoholic liquor
 - 17. Peter __, Dutch portrait painter
 - 18. Longtime Chicago mayor
 - 19. A famous "Lady"
 - 20. Islamic calendar month
 - 22. Rocky peak
 - 23. Polio vaccine developer
 - 24. Songs sung in open air
 - 27. Military movements
 - 30. Male parent
 - 31. Beloved hot beverage
 - 32. Female sibling
 - 35. Tackled the QB
 - 37. Set a dog on someone
 - 38. Long live! (Spanish)
 - 39. Porticos
 - 40. Pouch
 - 41. Smooth fabric
 - 42. Enough (archaic)
 - 43. Institute legal proceedings against
 - 44. Scarred
 - 45. Draw from
 - 46. Brother or sister
 - 47. Body part
 - 48. Commercials
 - 49. London soccer team
 - 52. Satisfied
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Fifth notes of major scales
 - 2. Region
 - 3. Your consciousness of your own identity
 - 4. Georgetown athletes
 - 5. They follow A
 - 6. Spoke
 - 7. Hairdressers' domain
 - 8. Extravagantly theatric
 - 9. End-blown flute
 - 10. Heroic tales
 - 11. Member of a Semitic people
 - 12. Members of a priestly caste
 - 13. Southern Ghana people
 - 21. Counsels
 - 23. Body of water
- 55. Surgical technique (abbr.)
 - 56. Fencing sword
 - 60. French industrial city
 - 61. Intellectual property organization (abbr.)
 - 63. Helps to carry food
 - 64. "Rule, Britannia" composer
 - 65. One-time Empress of the Roman Empire
 - 66. Intestinal pouches
 - 67. None better
 - 68. "WandaVision" actress
 - 69. Comedic actress Kathryn
- 25. Awesome!
 - 26. Calendar month
 - 27. Native of region in Caucasus
 - 28. Indian city
 - 29. Exclusive
 - 32. Alaskan town
 - 33. Covered with ivy
 - 34. Loose granular substances
 - 36. Native American tribe
 - 37. Written American English
 - 38. Holiday (informal)
 - 40. Add up
 - 41. Small brown and gray rails
 - 43. Get off your feet
 - 44. Express disgust
 - 46. Surface of the ground
 - 47. Put into a silo
 - 49. Belief
 - 50. British noblemen
 - 51. Tennis game
 - 52. Dry, protective crust
 - 53. Swiss river
 - 54. Large integers
 - 57. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
 - 58. Every one of two or more
 - 59. "Deadpool" actor Reynolds
 - 61. Earlier
 - 62. Peter's last name

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Of students registered for secondary school, 293 have opted for online learning. Hahn said both online learners and bricks and mortar learners in the secondary school system will learn based on the quadmester system, moving students from this year's octomester system – one subject a day – to the quadmester system – two subjects a day. Students will have two quadmasters per semester, with two semesters in the year.

"The reason we're moving toward this model after working with the schools and the principals and the teachers is, moving from our octomester to our quadmester there is quite a bit of similarity and flow into this - we wanted to create [as] minimal disruption as we could," said Hahn. "It was a model that was recommended by the ministry, and we felt it was one we could certainly work with."

Hahn said it isn't the week on, week off model, but rather two subjects a day, morning and afternoon. As schedules and timetables are further developed, Hahn said this information would be shared with the public and families of students.

Later in the meeting, student trustee Ryder Lytle asked why a quadmester would be in place in the new year, rather than an octomester as has been in place this year, and what might have caused the change in scheduling.

Hahn said that in the previous September there was "really strong cohorting messaging from the ministry," that led the school board to opt for the octomester.

"We couldn't have, I believe, more than 50 to 100 contacts per day," said Hahn, noting that boards that did move into a quadmester in September had to conduct school by way of a one-week-on, and one-week-off schedule, "which we weren't really big fans of here."

From both a public health and ministry perspective, moving into the new school year, cohorting has been relaxed, said Hahn, and a quadmester was allowed in the new year.

At-home elementary students connected in new school year to local school

Hahn said there are 391 students registered for learn-at-home. Prior to registration the school board told parents that students who did not register for learn-at-home by June 1 would not have the option later to do so. Parents were told that online school would look different from this year, but further details were not known prior to registration.

At the board meeting, Hahn said, "Again, when we talk about these learn-at-home numbers, I think it's important to remember that we have a number of

months to go, before we actually return back in September, and we do know that things will look very, very different in August and September with the vaccine roll-out and number of cases that are reducing. So we do expect that there will be even more changes to come back into our system, but at this point in time there's 391 registered for learn-at-home."

In elementary school in the new year, he said in-person learning would look very similar during the 2021-2022 school year as it did during the past school year, with likely similar public health measures in place.

While the learn-at-home model would be similar, Hahn said, with a teacher and students in a synchronous, virtual environment, the difference would be that rather than using a separate learn-at-home school model as was done in this past year, the classes developed will instead be attached to the student's home school, and the principal of that school will support teachers, students, parents/guardians of the specific at-home classes despite the students living in various parts of the school board's district.

"I still have to say we have a number of weeks to go before we finalize all the details," said Hahn.

Graduation celebrations will remain virtual

On June 2 when Premier Doug Ford announced that in-person learning at schools would not be resuming, after schools were closed in April during the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in Ontario, he also encouraged schools to hold in-person graduation ceremonies outdoors for all grades, giving students an opportunity to see each other prior to the end of the school year.

TLDSB schools had already been planning for weeks, and months even, said Hahn, to organize graduation ceremonies following public health guidelines and would be moving forward with virtual ceremonies.

"We know that announcement came late, from the government, and as that was happening, we were consulting with public health along the way, and received the recommendation that due to the public health protocols at the time, should remain in virtual environments and not move forward with in-person because it would not be safe to do so," said Hahn.

He said that he recognizes that might be disappointing for families and staff. Schools will be communicating with parents about how students can pick up their items from school at the end of the year, at which point there will be an opportunity to say goodbye to staff and possibly greet friends.

COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by County							
County	Current Cases Not Resolved	Current Probable Cases	Confirmed Cases (Total to date)	Confirmed Cases Resolved (Total to date)	Hospitalizations (Total to date)	Confirmed Deaths (Total to date)	Probable Deaths (Total to date)
Haliburton	0	0	121	120	3	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	16	1	1,072	1,012	44	44	13
Northumberland	4	0	932	911	31	17	0
Total	20	1	2,125	2,043	78	62	13

No active cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County

A June 14 update from the health unit reports that there are no new confirmed cases or currently active cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County. On the same day, four new cases were reported in City of Kawartha Lakes, while one new case was reported in Northumberland County./Screenshot from HKPRDHU

A total of 112,750 HKPR district residents have received first dose of vaccine

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is about even across the way," said Bocking. "So if we start to see that there's gaps in specific areas, we respond to that to look at what other avenues that we need to make available. I'm excited to hear that there are individuals in Haliburton that are keen and really looking to find out where they can get that vaccine opportunity, and we will continue to make sure that we can meet those needs as best as we can."

While there haven't been appointments available in Haliburton County, residents have been receiving their vaccine in other areas of the province – including Orillia, Bracebridge and Gravenhurst – just as some non-residents of HKPR have visited this area to receive their vaccine here.

Even in Phase 1, Bocking said travel isn't encouraged.

"That being said, vaccination is important and we're encouraging people really to receive their first or second dose at their earliest opportunity," said Bocking.

"I can understand why people would be going to those appointments, and at this point in time, I think I would say that I understand why they go, and would support that."

For more information about vaccine distribution, a 'vaccines given' dashboard is available at <http://www.hkpr.on.ca> and is updated on Mondays.

Not enough vaccine supply for more clinic appointments, yet

"We continue to hear some concerns and frustrations related to challenges in booking appointments, specifically at the mass immunization clinics," said Bocking. "There does continue to be a mismatch in terms of the number of appointments we have available, which is based on our supply of vaccine, and the acceleration of eligibility for second dose booking that has been announced through the province and implemented through the provincial booking system."

Bocking said the province's eligibility announcements mean those who are eligible can book based on appointments in jurisdiction.

"We happen to be one of the jurisdictions that is still working to expand our first-dose coverage, as we hadn't received as much vaccine as early as other health units had," she said. "That's largely related to the fact that we've had lower case activity which is ultimately quite a positive thing."

Bocking said she appreciates that the situation is frustrating, and said the health unit is doing everything possible to post more appointments with incoming vaccine supply.

"I guess I would urge and hope for some patience as we continue to move

through this together," she said.

Bocking said the health unit is working to ensure that those who show up for their second appointment can receive the same dose of vaccine they received in their first appointment if they wish to do so.

Vaccinated population update

As of June 7, 90,657 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in the region, and 112,750 HKPR residents have received their first dose of vaccine. In total, 65.7 per cent of the population that is 12 and over has received their first dose, 68.9 per cent of those 18 and older have received a first dose, 82 per cent of the population that is 60 and over has received their first dose of vaccine. In terms of second dose, 8.3 per cent of those 12 and older and 20.9 per cent of those 80 and older have received two doses.

"This really, in some short numbers reflects a huge amount of work that has occurred across our jurisdiction, not just by health unit staff, in addition to our partners and primary care, municipalities, hospitals, EMS, Rotary club, other community organizations, it has really been a tremendous group effort and I do want to acknowledge as well the ongoing commitment and hard work of all of the health unit staff as they, day in and day out, are working to get vaccine out and into arms as quickly and as efficiently as possible," said Bocking.

Epidemiological update

At press time, since the start of the pandemic, 2,119 cases of COVID-19 in total have been confirmed in the entire HKPR district, 121 of those in Haliburton County. Currently there are 34 active cases confirmed in the region, with two of those being in Haliburton County. The crude rate over the past seven days, as of June 11, was 16.4 cases per 100,000 residents – during the conference, Bocking said the lower rate is "reassuring and positive news." Five individuals are in hospital and four are in the ICU, and two outbreaks – one at the Port Hope LCBO and one at Lindsay's Central East Correctional Centre where 154 inmates and 10 staff have tested positive – are ongoing.

Of total cases, 70.9 per cent of cases have been identified as the Alpha variant, also known as the B117 variant or the variant identified in the U.K. In Haliburton County, 36 cases have been confirmed as variants of concern since April 1.

Approximately 50 per cent of cases over the past two weeks have been in the 20 to 29 year old and 30 to 39 year old age groups, Bocking said. In the past 14 days, 41 per cent of cases had been linked to outbreaks and 15 per cent of cases had no known source of transmission. Previ-

ously, up to 40 per cent of cases had no known source of transmission, signalling wider spread in the community.

Haliburton Rotary thanks vaccine clinic volunteers

On June 11, the Rotary Club of Haliburton thanked all volunteers who had helped run a mass vaccination clinic in Haliburton at the Dysart arena from April

to June. Approximately 4,500 people were vaccinated at the clinic. The last clinic in Haliburton was held on June 9.

Haliburton County now has one mass vaccine clinic, at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.

"We do continue to reassess the need and other opportunities for the potential of additional shorter term clinic opportunities in Haliburton County," said Bocking at the June 9 meeting.



Municipality of Dysart et al
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FORM 6
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
Municipal Act, 2001

Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

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Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on July 8, 2021, at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Submitted tenders will be opened virtually by Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting using the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZEgdeGogTouHtHU04iVBto0WudCOBPuF8VI> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 46 24 011 000 26200 0000; 18 South St., Haliburton; PIN 39182-0042(R); Part Lot 17, Concession 7, in the Geographic Township of Dysart, now United Townships of Dysart, Dudley, Harcourt, Guilford, Harburn, Bruton, Havelock, Eyre and Clyde, designated as Parts 1,2,3,4 & 7 Plan 19R-6764. Subject to a Right-of-Way over, along and upon that part of Lot Number 17 Concession 7 designated as Parts 2 & 4 Plan 19R-6764. Together with a Right-of-Way over, along and upon that part of Lot Number 17 Concession 7 designated as Parts 5 & 6 Plan 19R-6764, in the Registry Division of the County of Haliburton. Land Registry Office No. 19; File No. 18-11

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$103,000

Minimum tender amount: \$16,193.45

2. Roll No. 46 24 011 000 28600 0000; Fred Jones Road, Haliburton; PIN 39182-0076 (LT); PT LT 19 CON 7 DYSART AS IN DY4389 BTN DRAG RIVER, DOVER SPRING RD & H148755; DYSART ET AL; File No. 18-30

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$27,500

Minimum tender amount: \$5,535.91

3. Roll No. 46 24 040 000 13100 0000; Guilford, Ontario; PIN 39146-0130 (LT); LT 38 PL 580; DYSART ET AL; File No. 18-34

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$19,800

Minimum tender amount: \$5,464.53

4. Roll No. 46 24 061 000 29600 0000; On Dennison Island in Kawagama Lake; PIN 39113-0134 (LT); PT LT 2 CON 14 HAVELOCK AS IN H70873; DYSART ET AL; File No. 19-05

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$396,000

Minimum tender amount: \$22,942.40

5. Roll No. 46 24 030 000 03801 0000; Harcourt, Ont; PIN 39159-0275 (LT); PT LT 4 CON 1 HARCOURT AS IN HR662 N OF H134516 & PT 1 19R3946 & S OF H131882; S/T HR662; DYSART ET AL; File No. 19-12

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$23,000

Minimum tender amount: \$5,043.74

6. Roll No. 46 24 050 000 72300 0000; Johnson Bay Rd., Haliburton; PIN 39284-0170 (LT); LT 147 PL 524; DYSART ET AL; File No. 19-29

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$189,000

Minimum tender amount: \$9,786.11

7. Roll No. 46 24 040 000 20300 0000; Guilford, Ontario; PIN 39146-0134 (LT); LT 108 PL 581; S/T EXECUTION 95-0000273, IF ENFORCEABLE; S/T EXECUTION 99-0000132, IF ENFORCEABLE; DYSART ET AL; File No. 19-34

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$19,600

Minimum tender amount: \$4,995.56

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, crown interests, availability of road access or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. Any interests of the Federal or Provincial Crown encumbering the land at the time of the tax sale will continue to encumber the land after the registration of the tax deed. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale contact:

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Above, friends Josie Coombs, from left, Elinor Hamilton and Jeanne Eagan play dominoes on Friday, June 4 at the Gardens of Haliburton residence in Haliburton. The residents are regular dominoes players, who are known to play for as long as there is time between meals. /DARREN LUM Staff

Left, Jeanne Eagan smiles before her turn while playing dominoes on Friday, June 4 at the Gardens of Haliburton residence in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

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'Gordie' leaves daycare after decades of love

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Staff Reporter

Gord Hoenow has heard it all.

As a longtime early childhood educator, Hoenow has been privy to entertaining disclosures from toddlers and young children in his care for decades.

"Mommy said if I stop eating my boogies she'll buy me a Barbie!"

"Mommy's friend stayed over last night!" (Mommy is single)

"Daddy had to sleep on the sofa last night."

And amid the hilarity of a child's chatter, he has also experienced moments of quiet peacefulness as nap time at daycare comes to an end.

"Moments when a child or two wakens and you can just sit quietly with them and snuggle and talk," said Hoenow. "It is a wonderful one-to-one time."

These are some of the favourite memories Hoenow will take with him as he retires from working in education this month.

Hoenow began his work career as a portrait photographer, travelling throughout the province with his portable studio to retail spots including Stedmans, K-Mart and Woolworth stores for a week at a time.

"Most portraits were of children," he told the *Echo*. "As the years went on, I began to lose interest in the photography but had a knack for making children smile."

In 1985, Hoenow said he began to look into that "day-care thing."

Since then, he has worked in numerous daycare centres but looks back at his time spent at the centres operated by George Brown College in Toronto as being particularly meaningful.

"They were on the cutting edge of early childhood education in terms of philosophy," he said. "I truly felt like I was working with all-stars. Professors, fellow ECEs, they had such high standards and they brought my teaching skills to a new level."

After moving to Haliburton County, he began working at the Ontario Early Years Children's Learning Centre in Minden.

"As supervisor, I had wonderful staff that embraced philosophies I had been taught, and the centre flourished, providing a loving and nurturing environment to children and families in our community," he said.

He has been respected and loved in the community for many years by the kids he has cared for and the parents he has encouraged and supported.

Over that time, Hoenow said he has seen relatively few changes in the behaviours and attitudes of children and parents, but has observed throughout the years what works best for children.

"Children need to play. They need love. Want to know who the best teachers are? See who the child runs to when hurt or sad. See who has the most children around them. I have worked in and visited at least a hundred daycares in my career. The pretty room set-up or teacher-directed activity holds little value to the child or their family. The teacher that listens to and accepts every single child for their individuality is the one that will help the child develop. Not documentation placed for administrators or the ministry. It's making the connection with the child. Each and every child. They may not be able to express it, but children know if you are genuine."

Hoenow's experience working in childcare has been treasured by him as well as the families he has cared for,

see 'I ABSOLUTELY' page 18



Gord Hoenow is retiring from daycare and early childhood education after 35 years caring for children - almost 20 of those years here in Haliburton County centres./Submitted photo

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'I absolutely love being with the children'

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and the importance of his work became especially clear during the pandemic.

"I have absolutely loved being given the opportunity by families to care for their children," said Hoenow. "One of my first supervisors commented that, 'we don't take care of children, we support families.' That had become clearly evident when daycares closed for six months early in the pandemic and families scrambled for child care. Of course, I absolutely love being with the children. To relive through their discoveries whether watching a spider on a ledge or jumping in a puddle is priceless."

It has not, however, been a job without challenges.

"My biggest challenge has been without fail the Ministry of Education," he said. "Demands, new regulations - effective or not - that are required to be implemented into child care programs almost always without support or guidance. Quite often program advisors (inspectors) had very little on-the-floor experience. Once, I had a parole officer conduct an annual inspection. I had difficulty accepting advice from pencil pushers and administrators with minimal hands-on experience."

Currently working at Wee Care in Haliburton, giving notice on a career he has been passionate about for so long is not an easy change for Hoenow, but one he thinks is best for him at this time.

"I think I need to make the change because progression in child care still seems stagnant," he said. "Ministries and daycare operators continue to make demands of staff without providing the necessary support and direction. More and more is demanded of frontline ECE's and assistants. Yet, they are expected to attain these goals while at the same time making a salary comparative to a parking lot attendant in Toronto."

He said he "truly wanted to stay in the field until I retire a few years from now."

"Looking back, working with children has been my calling," he said. "I know, 100 per cent, that I can walk into any daycare in the country tomorrow and begin to develop a relationship with the children by lunchtime. But the time has come."

During the province's initial lockdown when daycares were closed, Hoenow said he had a taste of retirement at that time and appreciated his interest in fixing things and "puttering around the house." He has found work at a local resort close to home allowing him to pursue that interest.

"I will so miss the children," he said. "Now, as I count down my last few weeks my heart strings tug as I get ready to say goodbye to my beautiful little friends."

A Father's Day outing to remember

JERELYN CRADEN

Special to the Echo

Tom Green, well-known stained glass artist and mentor, plus five local guest artists invite you to enjoy a nature-filled, art-inspiring experience at his magical fairy-like gardens and historic home-studio this coming Father's Day weekend, Saturday/Sunday, June 19/20.

Just off Hwy. 21 at 2801 Blairhampton Road, Green's colourful creative garden centre awaits. Fragrant flowers in bloom – tulips, daffodils, Iris. Windy rows of native plants, shrubs and trees dot the grounds with sculptures made of metal, glass and wood. Five individual artists' booths will be at COVID-compliant distances adding to the tapestry of nature's creative wonder: Jane Selbie, fabric art; Barb Hart, oil and acrylic; Charlene McConnell, pottery; Terry Sullivan, watercolours; and Donna Bisschop, leather art.

Ponds filled with plump gold fish, pear trees in bloom, and shaded areas where visitors can relax while savouring a complimentary slice of Green's wood fired pizza baked in his hand-made Quebec-style clay oven.

Inside Green's historic Moon School, Circa 1871, where he has lived and worked for the past 21 years, eye-candy abounds – stained glass panels, paintings, a stained glass kitchen back-splash, hanging glass birds and stars. Stained glass window ornaments. Numerous glass decorative items will be for sale.

A table filled with the Green family's legendary Creara honey and beeswax will be for purchase as well. And with it comes over a century of history. For 111 years, his family has raised bees with 1,000 hives located at different farmers' properties. Having received numerous awards across Ontario, the honey was always present in the Royal Winter Fair.

"We sell the beeswax to the Canadian Armed Forces," Green said. "They use it to wax all of their parachute lines." Green makes about 600 jars of jam each year. "My co-op students and I pick all of the fruit and berries. We freeze them in the summer and make all the jams in the winter." Also, for sale will be local maple syrup.

Another colourful part of the two-day show and sale will be Green himself, as he takes visitors on little tours of his "creative garden centre," sharing his knowledge of the plants he grows and those he sells; plus, histories of the various elements of the garden, including the two ponds – one, five feet deep with a sculpted turtle spewing water from its mouth. The vegetable garden, which he cultivates with his co-op students also lends itself to stories and gardening tips. "I will have asparagus root for sale," he said. "It takes two years to get to eating, but then they come back every year for a good twenty years."

Plants for Sale

"We have native plants for shoreline restoration," Green said. "Wild bee balm, black cherry, choke cherry, elder which is very popular along the shore ... yellow dogwood, nanny berry...these will all get six to eight feet tall. They get berries and fruit, and colours of the leaves turn in the fall. Honeysuckle attracts the bees and the birds. Then there are different colours of lilacs that you can put a little farther inland. I have white albas, French lilac bushes. Rhododendrons are in the evergreen family, so the deer don't eat them," he said. "I've got 25 different kinds of Iris in numerous colours, plus lupines, fruit trees, peonies, and Hosta plants." Visitors can also purchase triple mix soil – manure, sandy loam and top soil. "Full of all the nutrients a garden needs to grow amazing plants," he said. Visitors can bring their own containers or buy it by the bag.

Green's hand-made wood fired clay oven

Twelve years ago, Green had an idea that would engage the three co-op students who, at the time, were working in his gardens. "Let's build a clay oven for pizza and bread!" He knew that food was a sure way to get them involved. First, they collected sand, clay, grasses and cedar boughs, and based the design on the Quebec-style wood fired oven. The students mixed the clay and built 400 bricks for the oven. "Wayne Rose helped with his tractor and knowledge with clay and a fire proof door. And Leo Sepa built the metal lintel for the opening. Then we fired it red hot for 24 hours and our oven was ready for our first pizza. The students had grown the tomatoes for our amazing sauce and a lot of the toppings."

Throughout the weekend, visitors can enjoy a free sample of Green's pizza, freshly baked by Chef of the Day – one of his co-op students. He made sure to add: "In the Fall, when visitors come by, we might fire up some garlic cheese puffs made from garlic grown in the garden."



Tom Green is excited to welcome the public to Glass Eagle Studios and Creative Garden Centre this Father's Day weekend. /Submitted photo

Green's mentoring program

In 2002, Green set up his glass studio to help mentor and work with co-op students through the Adult Education Program and with the local high school in Haliburton. They are given a unique opportunity to work in a productive glass studio and in Green's gardens. Trained in the Niagara Parks Gardens in Niagara Falls, Green enjoys passing his knowledge on to students who some day might have their own gardens and grow food and flowers.

Ten percent of all of Green's sales go to supporting the students and helping them with further education in the arts and food industries. His support doesn't stop at graduation. He continues to stay in touch, encouraging and helping financially in any way he can. Out of the 19 students who have worked at Glass Eagle Studios and Creative Garden Centre, 17 have graduated high school and ten have gone on to further education.

Green's five-year project

For close to five years, Green had been working toward fulfilling the vision of Rabbi Abraham Plotkin of Chabad Lubavitch synagogue of Markham in Thornhill – 33, eight-foot tall stained-glass windows to adorn the temple's main sanctuary. Just weeks ago, he delivered and installed the last four of his windows. "The rabbi was so pleased. He's a wonderful man and we've developed a great friendship ... he and this Haliburton Baptist boy."

If COVID policies allow, there will be live music in the garden.

The event runs Sat/Sun, June 19/20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Masks must be worn indoors and in the garden.

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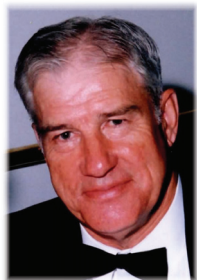
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650 OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of
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(January 16, 1935 – June 11, 2021)

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of Grenville Ernest Griffin, father, husband and special friend to those fortunate enough to know him. He died peacefully at Fairmount Home in Kingston on Friday June 11, 2021 at the age of 86. Grenville Ernest Griffin was the loving husband of 59 years to the late Ila Margaret (Sampson), cherished and proud father of Edward James (Deb), the last surviving son of the late Ernest and Della (Paul) Griffin who raised a family of 11 on the Irish Line in West Guilford, and adoring care giver to Maggie.

Grenville grew up in Haliburton County and later moved to Oshawa to raise his only son and work for General Motors. In the summers he returned home with his family to Clear Lake in Haliburton Forest where he caught what is believed to be the largest Lake Trout ever landed from the crystal waters of the small lake. He enjoyed his retirement years away from the city in his new home on the shores of Grass Lake in West Guilford. Recently, he made his home in Kingston to be closer to his son.

His many interests kept him busy over the years. Grenville was a Freemason and a 58 year member of Arcadia Lodge and, in his retirement, the Haliburton Curling Club and Lakeside Golf Club. He was an accomplished gardener, fisherman, and an avid hunter. Grenville was also a car enthusiast and an active snowmobiler. Never to shy away from work, he could cut an entire truck load of logs with a chainsaw and split each log with an axe by hand. Grenville was generous with his free time. He frequently volunteered to raise funds for worthy causes in the community, and had a special knack for selling raffle tickets.

He had a sweet tooth and enjoyed seconds and sometimes thirds of the delicious treats that Ila made. Whether you knew him as Grenville, Ernie, Griff or Dad, his deep voice and joyous laugh could often be heard well before he was in eyesight. Grenville will be missed dearly, and fondly remembered.

A Private Memorial Celebration of Grenville's Life will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Monday, June 21, 2021. Interment to follow at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery.

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Passed away with her family
by her side on Saturday, June
12th, 2021 at the age of 85.

Loving wife of the late Arthur Scott (1989), predeceased by her daughter Lee Ann (2014) and her daughter-in-law Karen Scott (2019).

Much loved mother of Rick Scott (Peg) of Whitby, Mike Scott and his wife Michelle and Ken Scott and his wife Joni all of Oshawa. Cherished Grandmother of Krystal, Nicole, Shauna, Renee, Tyler, Stephen and Jenni. Great Grandmother of 10.

Fondly remembered by her sister-in-law Irene Scott as well as nieces Cheryl and Sandra.

The Family would like to express their heartfelt thank you to nurse Laverne, PSW's Jessica and Arlene as well as the entire LHN Palliative team.

Visitation will be held at Barnes Memorial Funeral Home 5295 Thickson Rd. N. Whitby, on Thursday June 17 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. All guests who wish to attend the public visitation are required to use our RSVP system on Barnes Memorial Funeral Home's website to reserve a time of arrival. Anyone who requires any assistance with our RSVP system, please contact our office by phone 905-655-3662 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Hwy 121 to become a county road in '98

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Six months after giving Haliburton County the ownership of 100 km of highways, the provincial government is adding even more kilometres to the county roads system.

Starting January 1, Highway 121 between Haliburton and Minden will become County Road 121.

Whether it agrees or disagrees, it seems there's little county council can do about it. Since municipal governments are a creation of the province, the province "can give you whatever they want to give you," says county roads engineer Les Shepherd.

"It could be bad if the bridges are a county responsibility," says Warden Murray Fearrey. The bridges on the highway are getting old, and would cost much more to fix than the \$2-million the province is giving to the county in exchange for the change in ownership.

Come January, the 24-kilometre stretch between Minden and Haliburton will be the busiest in the county's road system.

The latest available Ministry of Transportation statistics, for 1993, show the average daily car count for the year was 2,600 cars from Minden to a point a third of the way towards Haliburton, and 3,150 cars for the rest of the two-thirds. In summer, those numbers jump to 3,350 and 4,050.

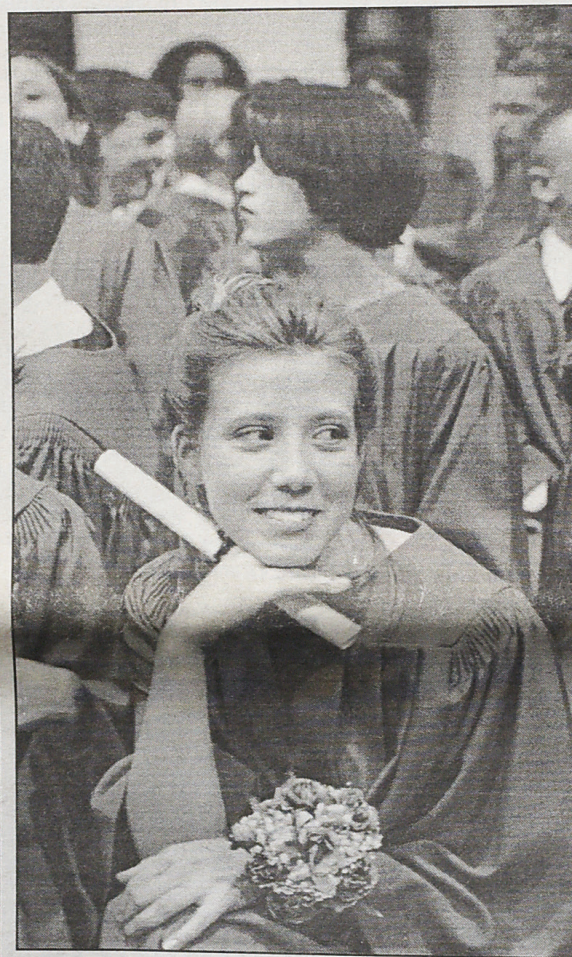
"I am a little bit surprised" at how high the counts are, Shepherd says. The only comparable stretch of road for the county is the one kilometre between Hwy 121 in Haliburton and the Haliburton Hospital, which sees 2,000 vehicles a day.

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GRADUATION '97

It was a time of fondly looking back at the past, and excitedly thinking of what was to come in the future when Grade 8 students across the county graduated last week. Above, Archie Stouffer Elementary School's "Prime Minister" Erin Fielding and Keri Hartwick cry on each other's shoulders during Thursday night's graduation ceremony while at right, Sarah Billings watches her fellow graduates at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School receive their diplomas. Coverage of graduations can be found throughout the Echo

High school upgrade costs rise to \$6-M

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The projected cost of upgrading Haliburton's high school has jumped "significantly" to nearly \$6-million, in part because of a building freeze imposed by the province, say board officials.

The cost of construction and buying building materials went up during the Ministry of Education's one-year moratorium on new school construction, which was lifted in the spring, said superintendent of business administration, Jim Bradley.

When the expansion proposal first went to the drawing board more than two years ago, the board's architect estimated it would cost about \$4.75-million.

That price was based on estimates of \$85 to \$90 per square foot to build the addition and carry out renovations. At the time the construction industry was hurting so many companies

were willing to bend on their prices, said Bradley.

But today — after more than a year on the shelf because of the building freeze — estimated construction costs for the high school work are estimated at about \$100 per square foot.

"I guess I get a little frustrated with the Ministry saying they want to save money. But the cost of this project has grown significantly

since the board first submitted it for approval, said education director Brad Saunders.

However, the construction delay can't be blamed solely for the increased price-tag.

In February, a majority of trustees voted to bump up the original \$4.75-million expansion proposal by adding a \$400,000 theatre and lecture hall.

Trustees who supported the

additional work feared they may not get another chance to see the theatre built before the board is dismantled in January.

Last week members of the board's management committee reviewed tenders submitted by three construction firms bidding on the upgrade project.

The lowest bid came from

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World Cup paddlers need a place to park their kayaks

The entire world will be converging on Horseshoe Lake this summer — or at the very least, the world's best white water kayakers.

For the first time, the Minden Wild Water Preserve will host the fifth and final event in this year's World Cup circuit. That means the actual cups will be presented on the shores of the Gull River.

CBC television sports has

said it will be there, adding to the prestige of the event. The Minden site is often said to be the world's best natural white water site.

Several of the competitors were at the Atlanta Olympics so "this is your chance to hobnob with the Olympians," says organizer Craig Peabody, who is looking for people who are willing to open their homes or cottages to the athletes.

The event takes place over the August civic weekend, August 1 to 3, and athletes will arrive a couple of days before that. The organizing committee is asking local residents and cottagers, especially those near the Preserve, to host one or several of the athletes. While the accommodation is expected to be free of charge, the athletes

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